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Madison aldermen double their salary

Measure will take effect next year

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison aldermen will be paid double the present rate for attending meetings under an ordinance approved at Tuesday's council meeting.

The mayor and city attorney also received large increases.

The ordinance sets wages for the city's elected and appointed officials, and city workers not covered by union contracts.

Most city workers received raises of approximately four percent, retroactive to May 1.

For elected officials, the new salaries will take effect on May 1, 1997, for the mayor, city clerk, city treasurer and four aldermen whose seats are up for re-election in 1997. The other four will receive increases in 1999.

Aldermen will receive \$50 for attended regular and special city council meetings, up from the present \$25. They will continue to receive \$25 for attending their committee meetings.

Alderman John Hamm, chairman of the Finance Committee, said aldermen's salaries hadn't been increased in several years.

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The city attorney's retainer will increase to \$40,000 from \$22,000.

The city clerk, treasurer, police commissioners and fire department salaries will remain the same.

Other increases are police chief — to \$38,020 from \$36,558; corporate counsel — to \$9,000 from \$7,500; superintendent of streets — to \$33,750 from \$32,452; trash officer — to \$7,240 from \$6,240; playground and recreation department director — to \$21,342 from \$21,156; assistant director — to \$7,800 from \$7,500; health officer — to \$7,000 from \$5,743; humane officer — to \$6,000 from \$4,800.

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Fair fun — Above, Chelsea Withers, 6, of Granite City concentrates on keeping still so "Sunflower" the clown, Karen York, can paint a design on her face at the Centennial Fair. At right, Rebecca Clark, 7, of St. Louis guides the pony ridden by Zachary Bishop, also 7, of Granite City around a trail at the Centennial Fair in Wilson Park. The face painting and pony rides were two of the many activities offered over the weekend during the city's celebration of its 100th birthday. More photos on Page 5A.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Lifeguards off hook

Pool ruling criticized

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Lifeguards at public swimming pools have no legal obligation to save a drowning child, according to a recent Illinois Supreme Court decision.

But, in a scathing dissenting opinion, Justice Moses Harrison of Caseyville wrote that his fellow judges have misread the law — and in so doing have put the public, especially children, at risk.

Despite the ruling, though, Granite City Park Board President Ron Motil — an attorney — said the local park district will continue to instruct lifeguards to do everything they can to

ensure safe operation of the pool.

"We would never tell our lifeguards to be less than attentive at all times and to do all they can to ensure safety," Motil said. "We're pretty proud of the quality of our lifeguards. We can't pay the highest wages in the state, but we have some top notch kids."

Harrison said that although "the law should be a haven for children, it is becoming a place of despair" in the hands of his colleagues. The comments were in a dissenting opinion.

Harrison

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Building name change stalled

A Madison County Board committee has delayed considering a proposal to name the county's Administration Building after late County Board Chairman Nelson Fognauer.

Last month, board member Mike Fruth of Edwardsville asked the Buildings Committee to consider a resolution for the name change.

The panel Monday approved a motion by board member Tony Bosich of Wood River to file the proposed resolution for further study.

"There hasn't been much discussion of it," Bosich said. "I think we'd be better off to wait until December."

The board will reorganize in December after the general election in November.

New bridge called a necessity

Motorists might face four-hour jams by year 2020, officials say

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

If a new bridge is not built across the Mississippi River at St. Louis, motorists could be facing four-hour traffic jams by the year 2020.

That's the conclusion of the Illinois Department of Transportation and Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, which held meetings Monday and Tuesday as part of a study of the best way to address growing traffic problems in crossing the river.

The meetings are part of a major investment study — a new federally-required study to help

decision makers identify and evaluate alternatives. As part of the process, a study management group involving federal, state and local governments was also formed.

IDOT officials said they were expecting about 60 people at the Illinois meeting, held at the IDOT offices in Collinsville.

Ted Jackson, resource manager for Bailey International, which produces Chinese food in National City, was one of those.

"The (proposed northern) bridge is in close proximity to our plant and will affect our business," he said. "We need more bridge access to St. Louis, but I don't know the impact to us."

According to studies done by Sverdrup Corp., the company hired as a consultant for the project, if nothing is done by 2020, "motorists wanting to cross both the King and Poplar Street bridges will exceed the actual traffic that the bridges can accommodate in the morning peak by more than 25 percent. This unmet demand will stagnate development, since these motorists will choose not to travel across the Mississippi River at downtown during the peak."

Omair Peeler, project manager for Sverdrup, said no matter what options are picked to deal with increasing traffic, a new bridge will have to be built.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDR NewsChannel 5

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Top Teen

Jeff Logsdon has a variety of interests.

A recent graduate of GCHS, Logsdon's school honors include homecoming court, National Honor Society and participation in the honors program.

His school activities included football, track, Science Club, Foreign Policy Club, Foreign Language Club, Environmental Club, River Project and football manager.

His summer activities include working at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and travel to Europe.

The son of Bruce and Bonnie Logsdon enjoys computers, travel, socializing with friends and playing hockey.



Jeff Logsdon

Positive ID

Public Aid office here using eye scanning for identification

The eyes have it.

Illinois Department of Public Aid offices in Granite City and East Alton are pioneering the use of retinal eye-scanning to provide positive identification of aid recipients.

The three-year pilot program is the first in Illinois and the first use of retinal scanning in a public aid program in the United States, Department of Public Aid spokesman Dean Schott said.

Results of the program will be compared with results of an electronic fingerprinting pilot

program beginning next month in Cook and DuPage counties to determine which is the best method for preventing fraud.

"It has been very well accepted by our clients," said Norma Shaffer, administrator of the Public Aid office in East Alton. "It doesn't hurt. You don't feel anything."

The system provides a reliable method of identification because no two people have the same pattern of blood vessels on their retinas, the tissue that lines

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Man faces murder charge

What began as an argument escalated into a fist fight and ended with a stabbing death early Sunday morning in the Kirkpatrick Homes housing complex.

Wesley E. Kramer, 41, a resident and former employee of the housing complex, was pronounced dead at St. Elizabeth Medical Center at 2:40 a.m. Sunday, about an hour after being stabbed in the leg.

Terrence Esterlen, 30, was arrested at a friend's house in West Granite at 11:15 a.m. Monday and charged with first-degree murder.

"Witnesses and the circumstances led us to consider Esterlen as suspect shortly after the incident occurred," Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said.

He declined to discuss details of the argument that led to the alleged stabbing.

200 protest abortion bill veto

Demonstrators appear nearly every weekend at the Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City.

But Saturday was a rare event, as two Catholic bishops led a contingent of more than 200 individuals past the clinic in prayer to protest President Bill Clinton's recent veto of legislation that would have outlawed late-term abortions.

The sanctuary at Holy Family Catholic Church was crowded with more than 500 people Saturday morning morning as individuals traveled from as far as Springfield to hear bishops Daniel Ryan and Wilton Gregory, of the Springfield and Belleville dioceses, respectively, discuss the politics of the partial-birth abortion ban. They urged parishioners to lobby their congressmen to override the veto.

\$6 million suit filed

A \$6 million federal lawsuit against Pontoon Beach and village police officers has been filed over a pole raid — apparently at a wrong address — in early June.

In the early morning hours of June 4, approximately 10 police officers from several departments raided Tarkus Dillard's apartment searching for drugs. During the raid they busted down the door and entered with their weapons drawn.

The suit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis by Belleville attorney Thomas Ducey.

Named as defendants were Pontoon Beach Police Chief Michael Crouch, Detective Rick Hays and the village.

The plaintiffs in the case are Dillard, Vickie Blakely, her two children Elysha Brooks and Tarlesha Dillard, Tamalisa Barbet and Shaun Hicks.

Each is asking for \$1 million in actual and punitive damages, plus legal fees.

Pontoon debt total: \$200,000

According to information provided at Tuesday's Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting, missed payments to the Internal Revenue Service and the village's motor fuel tax fund add up to almost \$200,000 that will have to be paid out of the general fund.

Most of that amount is for late payments, interest and penalties on federal withholding.

A letter from the IRS dated June 17 said the village owes \$140,952.99.

Whitsell responds to letter

Pontoon Beach Comptroller Lou Whitsell is refuting accusations made against him in an unsigned letter given to board members and the press at last week's board meeting.

In a letter to Village Attorney Keith Jensen dated July 1, Whitsell called the document an "unsigned letter of trash."

The anonymous letter was given to board members and the press by Village Clerk Mary Rowden at Tuesday's meeting. It caused several heated arguments between village officials, and Jensen said parts of the letter could be libelous and if village officials discussed the contents before the meeting it could be a violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Blood pressure screenings set

St. Elizabeth Health Services will offer free blood pressure screenings every Friday beginning July 12, at its Edwardsville Health Center, 1121 University Dr.

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Bridge options considered

Tolls, control center proposed

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In looking at ways to get commuters across the Mississippi River, the study management group examining the issue has come up with several options.

The cost of the options range from doing nothing at all cost — and overloading the transportation system and stagnating the economy — to \$669 million for a combination of constructing a new bridge, installing a toll system, a traffic control center and transit pricing.

According to information provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the first option assumes that by the year 2020 there would be no new construction except that which is already planned.

These improvements including relocating Illinois 3, extending MetroLink east to Scott Air Force Base, reopening the Eads Bridge, reconstructing Interstate 70 and improving interstate access to the King Bridge in Missouri and Illinois.

Studies showed that even with these improvements, the system "will not provide sufficient capacity for the total number of motorists wanting to cross the river."

"Motorists wanting to cross both the King and Poplar Street bridges will exceed the actual traffic that the bridges can accommodate in the morning peak by more than 25 percent," IDOT documents say. "This unmet demand will stagnate development."

The second option is a downtown traffic control center.

By monitoring traffic

•Bridge

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to be part of it. "The traffic demand does indicate the need for a new bridge, basically an eight-lane bridge," he said.

"Right now we're seeing delays crossing the Poplar Street Bridge — the average being 15 minutes," he said. "In the year 2020, we're looking at 35- to 40-minute delays over a three- or four-hour period."

One option to pay for the bridge would be a toll system for all the bridges crossing the river.

Such a system could pay for the bridge in 15 years.

"There are a number of things being considered on funding whether it comes from state or federal," Feeling said.

Feeling said he hopes that the new bridge could be in place in as soon as 10 years.

IDOT officials had said the

bridge was at least 15 years away.

After two (more) years, we would be ready to go to final design and start right-of-way acquisition," Feeling said.

Another two years for design before construction, and four to six years for construction," John McCarthy, deputy project manager, said renovating the old MacArthur Bridge was considered, but is not feasible. At best, it could only provide four lanes across the river, and the approaches — especially on the east side — are not well-designed.

He said another problem would be alienating the Illinois Terminal Railroad Association. When the city of St. Louis traded the MacArthur for the Eads Bridge, it promised never to try to take back the bridge for vehicular traffic.

The MacArthur Bridge is the main railroad route across the river, and the road deck is used for maintenance.

through sensors, closed-circuit television cameras and information from police and tow truck patrols, the system would be able to move traffic more efficiently.

Such a system would cost \$19 million to implement and approximately \$4 million per year to operate, for a total cost of \$34 million, IDOT says.

The third option would be reducing the cost of MetroLink and bus services.

By cutting costs for the services, it is estimated that the number of vehicles crossing the bridges at peak times would be reduced by about 5 percent, and most of this would be drawn from the Poplar Street Bridge, which carries more vehicles and has more congestion.

The fourth option is to construct a new bridge — either north of downtown, connecting Interstate 70 in Missouri to I-55/70 and Illinois 203 in Illinois or south, connecting I-55 in Missouri to Illinois 3 and I-255 in Illinois.

The fifth option would be a toll system on bridges crossing the Mississippi River.

One option would be to charge a round-trip toll of \$2 for peak periods and \$1 for off-peak periods.

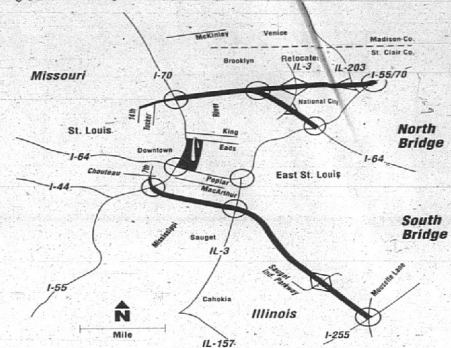
The tolls could be collected by using electronic toll collection and would encourage commuters to either shift travel times, take mass transit or share rides.

The toll system could also pay for the construction of a new bridge in about 15 years.

However, collecting tolls would "significantly increase delays on the Poplar Street Bridge approaches" and would create more air pollution because of motorist delays.

Conceptual Alternate Alignments for New Mississippi River Crossing Connecting Illinois and Missouri at Downtown St. Louis

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Map shows routes of two alternative bridge proposals.

Northern route would help area

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A northern route for a new bridge across the Mississippi River could be a "very good economic development tool" in southern Madison County and northwestern St. Clair County, a consultant to the Illinois Department of Transportation says.

Especially affected would be the city of Madison's new tax increment financing district and the National City area.

One of two proposed new bridge routes, the northern route would siphon traffic from Interstate 55/70 in Illinois and connect back in to I-70 just north of downtown St. Louis. The bridge approach would include connections in Illinois to I-55/70 at its intersections with Illinois 203 and I-64.

In Missouri, the route could potentially allow street and sidewalk links to Busch Stadium, the Arch grounds and the proposed convention center hotel/St. Louis Centre and redevelopment, and would "reinforce key city investments in downtown, such as the America's Center/TransWorld Dome and proposed convention center hotel/St. Louis Centre and redevelopment," according to information provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

In Illinois the bridge could spur development near the Illinois 203 Interstate 55/70 interchange.

Omar Feeler, project manager for IDOT's consultant firm, Sverdrup Corp., said the northern route would include interchanges on both sides of Gateway International Raceway in Madison, which is undergoing a \$25 million renovation that will make it a state-of-the-art drag and oval racetrack.

The bridge could also help other development in the city's 615-acre tax increment financing district. Feeler said one possibility is a golf course planned for the area north of the bridge.

"It's seen as a very good economic development tool for the area," he said.

It could also spur redevelopment in the National City area, where residents, the village and the National Stockyards Co. are battling over the fate of the city.

Stockyard company officials said they wanted the village to disband because of high taxes, and have taken steps to evict residents.

Both Madison and Fairmont City have expressed interest in annexing the National City property if the village is disbanded.

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-By Phil-

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Madison establishes comptroller's duties

Rules would make Weidner ineligible for job

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An ordinance setting duties and minimum requirements for the city comptroller that would make present Comptroller Jeanne Weidner ineligible for the job was approved by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

The ordinance requires a bachelor's degree in accounting or finance, which Weidner doesn't have.

However, after some discussion, the council amended the ordinance so that the eligibility requirements don't take effect until May 1, 1997.

The ordinance came after arguments at the last council meeting, when Alderman Ron Grzywacz complained about service from city hall workers.

It requires the comptroller to attend all city council meetings and committee meetings when requested, handle money, keep records, prepare reports and act as assistant city clerk.

During discussion, Alderman Norris Horton pointed out that the comptroller was an appointment of the mayor.

"If nobody enforces this ordinance, it's no good," he said.

Mayor John Bellicoff asked what would

happen to Weidner.

"If passed as read, whoever is the comptroller would have to comply," City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said.

Horton then suggested that portion of the ordinance be delayed until the start of the next fiscal year.

The council agreed, and Nighohossian rewrote the ordinance, which was read and passed later in the meeting.

Weidner declined comment.

In other business, it was announced that a public hearing on the city's appropriation ordinance would be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Madison City Hall.

The appropriations ordinance sets the maximum amounts the city can spend.

For the 1996-1997 fiscal year, which began May 1, the city is appropriating \$5,885,445.

Nighohossian said this year's appropriations have increased by more than \$1 million because of the city's recently enacted tax increment financing district and other potential developments.

The ordinance includes potential expenditures of \$485,000 for the TIP district, and two capital improvement fund line items were added — each with a maximum expenditure of \$500,000.

Deadbeats' privileges under fire

SPRINGFIELD — State officials can revoke the driver's licenses of deadbeat parents starting July 1 under a law nicknamed "Deadbeats Don't Drive."

And Secretary of State George Ryan wants to start cracking down quickly.

Ryan said hundreds of court cases will be (See DRIVING, Page 9A)



Swearing in — Mayor Ron Selph

was on hand to help swear in the new officers of the Granite City Senior Social Club. Above, Louise Baker, left, and Marge Hall are sworn in as secretary and president, respectively, by Selph. Pictured at right are: standing, board members from left, Mary Evans, Ben Forsyth and Candy Kuwala; Treasurer Jane Duncan; Secretary Louise Baker; President Marge Hall; Selph; and board member Bruce Mort. Seated are board members Tally Evans and Bud Strunk. Vice President Rose Kayser; and board members Pete Allen, Ed Kayser and Bernice Meyer were not present when the picture was taken.



(Photos by SHIRLEY VALENCIA)

Crouch sued by ex-girlfriend

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach Police Chief Michael Crouch has been named as a defendant in two civil suits filed by his ex-girlfriend.

The suits were filed in Madison County Circuit Court on June 27 by Beverly K. Partney of Granite City.

The suit seeks damages of \$15,000 in each of four counts.

The first suit claims Crouch communicated with Partney's bosses at the Department of Defense Inspector General's Office, Defense Criminal Investigation Service and told them she:

• "Steamed open Defense Criminal Investigation Service mail and examined the contents."

• "Violated her security clearance by discussing official

business with unauthorized persons."

• "Carried a concealed weapon on the office, and

• "Took medication which would impair her ability to operate a government vehicle."

The suit also claims that he "caused" an unknown female to call Partney's

office and say she was a representative of the Pontoon Beach Police Department, and "make various derogatory allegations and comments" about Partney.

The suit said Crouch's actions "caused severe emotional distress" to Partney and "were made intentionally and outrageously with the purpose

of injuring and harming" her or were made with "reckless disregard" that they would cause emotional distress.

The suit claims that as a result of Crouch's actions, Partney was subjected to a formal investigation by the Inspector General's Office of the Department of Defense, and that her job was jeopardized.

The second suit claims that on Feb. 17, 1994, Crouch and Partney were in front of 121 Whittell Way in Pontoon Beach when Crouch drove away in his truck, dragging and injuring her.

Last summer, Madison County Associate Judge Dan Stack found Crouch not guilty of a domestic battery charge brought by Granite City police after Partney alleged that Crouch beat her.

The two lived together in Granite City for nearly 10 years.



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Celebration ends with service

Granite City Centennial Celebration week will conclude Sunday evening with an ecumenical service at 5:30 in Wilson Park near 27th Street and a balloon glow at dusk at Coolidge Middle School.

Jeanne Haas, pastor of Nameoki United Methodist Church, will deliver the message and a choir of more than 50 voices will perform patriotic and religious music at the non-denominational service.

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THE LAW AND YOU
By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Recently a woman contacted this office and indicated that she and her husband had been married for twelve years. She indicated to him that she wanted to obtain a divorce, but he asked her to pursue a legal separation instead. She was confused as to the difference between the two and what her best course of action would be in this situation.

The important difference between a legal separation and a divorce (dissolution of marriage) is that when a couple walks out of court after a divorce, the marriage is over, but this is not true in the case of a legal separation. People who obtain a legal separation are still married. There are several reasons why a couple may want to pursue a legal separation rather than a divorce.

In the first place, some couples desire a legal separation because they want time apart to decide whether they want to reconstruct their marriage. Others obtain a legal separation for religious reasons. Some people because of their faith wish to remain comfortable in obtaining a divorce. Finally, in some cases, one spouse may need a continuation of insurance coverage under the other spouse's insurance, which would be impossible if they obtained a divorce.

It should be noted, however, that if a couple obtains a legal separation, they will have to pay additional attorney's fees and court costs if they later decide to obtain a divorce. An earlier legal separation does not rollover into a divorce at any given point in time. It is probably safe to say that most people who obtain a legal separation later decide to get divorced, and they are then faced with the prospect of starting over again in deciding custody matters, dividing property, and dividing bills.

Some have asked whether it would be wise to informally separate without the benefit of a court order and thereby avoid the expense of a legal separation. Neither party has the benefit of court-ordered obligations when couples informally separate. Some couples need the protection of court-ordered rights and obligations when they separate. A husband and wife who obtain a legal separation will have the court address custody matters, visitation rights, child support obligations, and division of property. Many couples who attempt an informal separation could never agree on these issues on their own.

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Opinion

Carol's comments

Hillary opens up new possibilities

First Nancy, now Hillary. In a world full of people who continue to see Elvis coming out of a 7-11 Kalamazoo carrying a six-pack or getting his blue suede shoes buffed in Lubbock, it seems reasonable to me that Hillary Clinton has had an occasional four minute heart-to-heart with Eleanor Roosevelt.



Carol Clarkin

As an admirer of Eleanor, I wouldn't have minded a little tete-a-tete with her myself, had I not been under the misguided notion that she'd been dead for a number of years. But who's to say? Having once spent an afternoon in conversation in my office with a bib-overalled gentleman who'd been kidnapped and held captive by humanoids from outer space, I find nothing peculiar about our First Lady picking a few departed brains way out there in the ether.

Hillary has now told us that these sessions, coached by Jean Houston who is described as a psychic researcher (among other things), have no psychic or religious overtones, but instead, are merely "intellectual exercises," and I believe her. Mind games, so to speak.

However, Mrs. Clinton went on to say that these sessions were "helpful" to her in terms of writing her best-selling book about child rearing, "It Takes A Village." I have to confess to a little disbelief on that score.

In terms of parenting, Mrs. Roosevelt wasn't especially notable. At best, according to her progeny, whose various records in later life seem to bear that out.

Dear old Mom, Eleanor wasn't, and had it been me chatting with her, I'd rather have learned why she put up with that bossy old mother-in-law so long and, for that matter, why she tolerated Franklin's philandering.

Mrs. Clinton also conversed with the late Mohandas Gandhi, according to the recently published book, "The Choice," by Bob Woodward of the Washington Post. I really can't imagine what contributions he could have made to the subject of child rearing.

According to the news reports, non-spiritual adviser Jean Houston has some pretty impressive credentials: "Philosopher-psychologist-cultural historian and all-around deep thinker, who received a doctorate in the philosophy of

religion from Columbia University," lectures at Harvard and speaks at seminars of major corporations.

Pretty hard to argue with a background like that, especially when she belittles the sessions as role-playing. Think of someone you'd like to talk to, then focus your ideas, she says, so apparently her presence isn't essential to these conversations.

She's not a medium and the sessions aren't seances. She's pretty much an expert on stuff like psychic experience and altered and expanded consciousness, so we've got to take her word for the way this operation works. I, for one, am thinking of giving it a try, though privately, I'd hate to think of walking down Main Street, deep in conversation with, oh, say, Jefferson or Voltaire, and have some passing friends comment, "Hey, look at her, romance, style, patinae and she actually delivered to the med school before they were caught."

The possibilities are endless, when you think of it. In the privacy of your morning shower, you could share a few laughs with Mark Twain, find out what really happened to Amelia Earhart, or get the true skinny from Burke and get how many cadavers they actually delivered to the med school before they were caught.

Not that I'm ignoring some of the arcane possibilities of these consciousness-raising sessions. How could I, after having read the original news story about them. I (as Nancy Reagan would have done) turned to the daily astrology chart in the Post-Dispatch and read that my ideas were going to be enthusiastically accepted (a "first" there!), and was advised to read and write and that the scenario included romance, style, patinae and the stirring of creative juices and (most importantly) I was advised to participate in an occult experiment.

Well! I'm not about to ignore advice like that. Where the hell did I store that ouija board?

Baby Boomers keep control

Two pieces of mail recently crossed my desk, leaving me a little befuddled. One was the announcement of the paperback edition of *New Passages: Mapping Your Life Across Time* by Gail Sheehy. The other was the announcement for the recently concluded Senior Olympics.

The two appeared as similar as chuck roast and Chuck Norman, but once again, I had an uneasy feeling that the Baby Boomers were trying to have their (low-fat) cake and eat it, too.

Sheehy's book — seven years in the writing — concludes that our first adulthood only begins at age 30. By 45, most of us will have experienced the "little death" of our youthful dreams, coupled with what Sheehy calls a "crisis of meaning." (Having just hit 44, does this mean my turn's coming up?)

By 50, having supposedly worked everything out, we will have entered our second adulthood, a period by learning new skills, closer intimate attachments and a new adventurousness.

Next came the announcement from the Senior Olympics that, beginning this year, the new minimum age for participation... is 50 years old. Baby Boomers, your time has come.

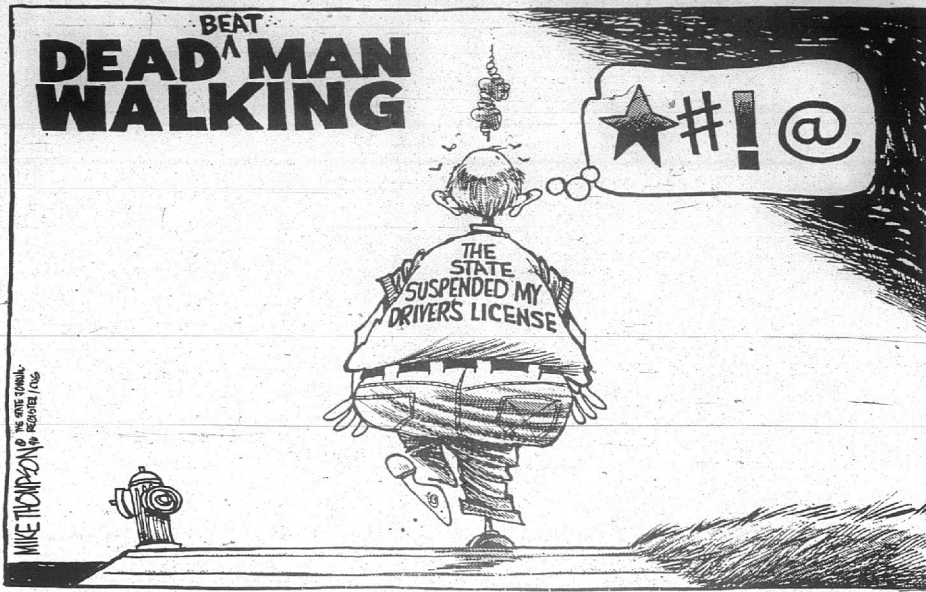
Oh really? I've come to the conclusion that the boomers' time has never really gone. From the get-go, the 46 million of us who were born between 1946 and 1964 have turned the world upside down. No single generation has been more probed, prodded, pushed or pampered (should that be pampered?). If we needed flavorable chewable aspirin for tiny headaches, boom, we got it. Frosted oat cereal with orange stars, yellow moons, green clovers and pink hearts? Boom, we got it. Beetle cuts, bell bottoms, pony ears, platform shoes, lava light and low-fat lights. Boom, we got 'em.

Now, as the vanguard of the boomers hits second adulthood, we get his-and-hers air conditioning for our cars.



Charles Geer

Opinion Shapers



Letter to the editor

Politics as usual in Pontoon

TO THE EDITOR: I have been involved in Pontoon Beach politics for a few years. What went on in the last Village Board meeting was "politicizing" plain and simple.

It is instigated by Trustee Mike Macek and is usually used as a smoke screen for something he is afraid of coming out.

Every time someone does something he does not like, he wants them investigated. Thereby covering up his involvement in situations and the fact that all the good things done in the village of Pontoon Beach are not to his credit.

I also realize that by making the below statements that I, too, could be investigated. The process by which the village clerk, board and treasurer are required to adhere to in order to pay bills was Trustee Macek's idea. When the person he supported as treasurer was determined to not be doing all the things he said she was, and asked to resign, this was his

way of keeping control of the money.

Since this political faction has retained control of village government, the village has been in financial trouble. They continually try to blame this on everyone else instead of acknowledging that the late charges incurred and trouble with the IRS were a direct result of the previous treasurer's inability to get the job done correctly.

In order to keep this fact from the general public, Macek and his friends have been bringing up totally ridiculous claims and making them look legitimate. Anyone should be able to take their phone bill and remember all the calls they made in a month, right? This is unless you're the building official or mayor of a municipality who would receive an abundance of these phone calls from many different callers, including your village clerk and trustees.

Then, you have a vendetta against the police department because you have officials that think they should be involved in every aspect of every office in village government. When in reality, they understand very little of what is going on at

their own level of government service.

The "bickering" that is described with much delight in your paper is detrimental to every citizen in the village of Pontoon Beach. These constant calls for investigations are totally ludicrous and seem to indicate to me that the officials that are supposed to be "in the know" actually know very little about how a government system should actually run.

Unless, of course, the officials are just calling for investigations because they themselves are afraid of certain facts.

The firing of treasurer Judy Donaldson by Mayor Glen Wilson, after asking her to step down voluntarily, was done by Mayor Wilson because he realized Ms. Donaldson was having a hard time keeping up with the demands of this job. Not, as suggested by Trustee Macek, as a political move.

Ms. Donaldson was recovering from surgery at the time and the mayor was trying to be compassionate.

Trustee Macek will most certainly argue this point because, unlike Mayor Wilson, he is not able to understand this type of behavior in politics.

Mayor Wilson appointed Lou Whitsett because at the time he was the best choice and has since proven Mayor Wilson's decision to be a good one for the village of Pontoon Beach.

Ask the employees who now have correct paychecks. I feel I can also speak to the point because I tried several times to get Ms. Donaldson to make the correct income tax

deductions on my check or get the forms so that I could make them out.

Her reply every time I spoke to her was she was sorry to have forgotten this again and again. This is one item in a long list.

When the mayor's office answered letters to FEMA over a year ago in an attempt to resolve problems, the clerk was actually insulted that his office had taken the lead in getting problems with FEMA solved.

When asked at a FEMA meeting to not fill out an extra set of forms FEMA was requesting, Trustee Randy Presswood and clerk Mary Rowden defied the mayor's request and filled out a duplicate set of forms. Thereby adding to the confusion already involved with the flood plain situation.

If you have not already noticed, this letter could go on and on about situations in the village. However, suffice it to say the politicizing has gotten in the way of a functioning government. It is the people who have written cowardly letters and made silly accusations in board meetings that have enabled this to happen. They try to cover these things up by making self righteous statements about "cleaning up" government.

When in reality, they might possibly be the ones who need to be cleaned up and "investigated."

You'll notice this letter is signed,

JANET BARRINGER
Pontoon Beach

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People

Fun, fun, fun for 100 years

There was something for everyone at Granite City's Centennial celebration last weekend.

The celebration — the beginning of a full week of entertainment, food and fun to commemorate the city's 100th birthday — took place at Wilson Park. Included were a variety of athletic competitions (mud volleyball, basketball, volleyball and horse-shoes), pony rides, a petting zoo, a variety of live entertainment and other attractions.

At right, Yorky the clown, also known as Justin York, twists balloons into animals and other toys for a group of youngsters near the pool in Wilson Park during the fair.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE.)



Calin Foster, 10, of Granite City takes a swing at the Hole in One Contest at the Centennial Fair.



Three-year-old Kaloni Pingel of Granite City tries her best at a toss at the dunking booth.



Brent LeMaster, 2, of Granite City takes a pony ride led by Rebecca Clark and Julie Greeting.



Jerry King, 9, Chris Jones, 14, and Jason Davis, 11, watch one of the shows at the pavilion in Wilson Park.



Team members enjoy the ever-popular mud volleyball, although perhaps the best thing about the game was cleaning off and cooling off under the showers. At right,



Jenna Wright watches the mud volleyball game from the sidelines after being splattered with a liberal coating of mud during her rotation in the mire.



Ashley Kuehnell, 10, of Granite City pets a Jacob Sheep in the petting zoo.



Members of the George Portz band perform bluegrass tunes at the pavilion.

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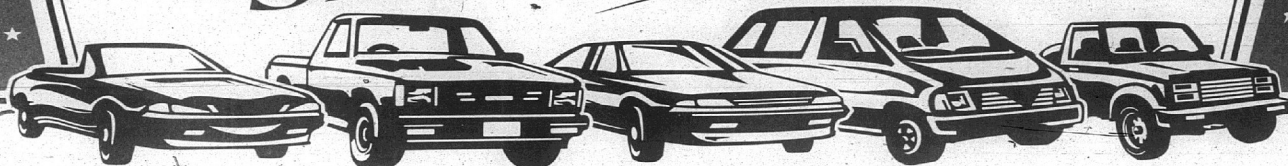
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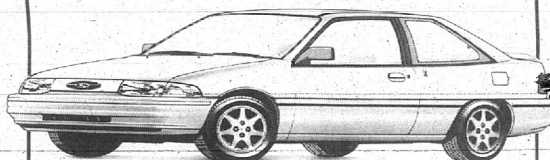
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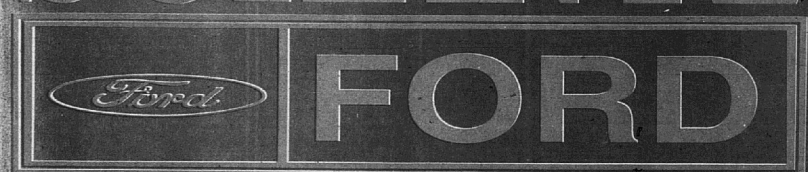
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Memories flow for Nesbit, Oldtimers

It will never rank with the memory of where I was when I heard of President Kennedy's assassination, but I'll never forget where I was when I heard Ozzie Smith announce his retirement as a St. Louis Cardinal.

Believe it or not, when Ozzie announced plans to call it quits at the end of the 1996 season, I was seated in a car driven by Jack English with fellow passengers Bob Broeg and Sam Muehnick.

Our destination was Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville and an Oldtimers Baseball meeting, where Broeg was a guest speaker and where the stories available could number over 2,000 — like Smith's major league hit total.

To my delight among the persons at Fischer's, including former players and interested baseball fans, was Jack Nesbit of Belleville, who joined two former area pro players in early June for the first reunion of the KOM (Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri) League — which had been mentioned here last summer in relation to the late Mickey Mantle.

With Nesbit, a former catcher in the St. Louis Browns organization, the reunion at Pittsburgh, Kan., were Don "Smoky" Bruss of Hecker, a former outfielder with the Cleveland Indians, and Charlie Weber of Freeburg and now Belleville, who had played second base at Independence, Kan., where Mantle was a shortstop in 1949.

"It really was enjoyable," Nesbit said of the reunion organized by John Hall of Columbia, Mo., who publishes a newsletter that recalls the years of the KOM. Among those unable to attend were Kent Pfisterer of Freeburg, an outstanding Dodgers second baseman.

In addition to being part of ceremonies at a hotel in Pittsburgh, Nesbit said the players toured the ballpark that once served as a minor league site. "It had rained and they could not have their Oldtimers game," Nesbit said. "About all I remembered was the left field wall."

Signed by the Browns in '47 after playing previously at Cathedral High and for the Small's of the County League, Nesbit had his best year in '49 when he hit .300 at Globe, Ariz. In the spring of 1950, though, he hurt his arm on a throw to first base during training in San Antonio, Texas, and had to quit after being sent to Wichita Falls, Texas.

The memories are many for Nesbit, who caught Don Larsen in the minors and in 1981 attended a 25th anniversary of the former Yankee's perfect game in the World Series.

"We remain good friends today," said Jack, whose wife Grace is a cousin of former major league pitcher Les Mueller of Belleville.

Nesbit and Mueller were among a huge turnout last spring at a dinner of the St. Louis Browns Fan Club.

At Fischer's, Nesbit sat at a table with Eddie Blake, the former Cincinnati Reds pitcher, who joined Jack, Bruss, and the likes of Don Lenhardt and Roy Sievers for postseason all-star games in 1947 and '48 in Belleville.

Organized by Arkell Kunze of Belleville, the Oldtimers are scheduled to meet again at 11 a.m. on July 17 at Fischer's.

EXTRA INNINGS: Nesbit, 67, retired certified accountant, also recalled coaching youngsters in the Belleville Jaycee league when his team included power hitting Dave Imber and crafty right-handed pitcher Dick Kaegel, currently a nationally recognized baseball writer in Kansas City, Mo.

Broeg's stories ranged from Babe Ruth to Eddie Gaedel to Bill Vecek to Stan Musial with the latter related to a question by Ray Sonnenberg regarding retirement.

Broeg indicated that Musial believed he retired at the right time even though the veteran sports columnist indicated "The Man" could have hit for a few more years.

Of Smith, Nesbit said: "You always want to see a great ballplayer go on to top."

Triplets regain stride in tourney



Greg Winfield makes an off-balance throw during a recent District 22 game.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

With 30 teams on hand, and some of the better teams in Illinois and Missouri, Tri-City's 2-3 Tournament of Champions record should be put into perspective.

The Triplets played some of their best baseball of the summer during action over the weekend.

Post 113 was placed in Pool B with Cahokia, Carlyle, Quincy and Ogelsby.

Carlyle, under the tutelage of legendary manager Voyt Lanter, is speeding toward its fourth consecutive 30-win season. Lanter recently passed the 1,000-win mark for his career.

Cahokia is a much-improved team this summer, with players from Dupo's Class A state championship team on the roster. Last year, many of the same players played on Dupo's Southwestern Baseball Association team.

And Quincy played Tuesday night in the tournament's championship game, losing 8-1 to Alton.

So it was a tough pool.

The Triplets went 1-3 in the Cahokia Pool, then entered the Collinsville Pool, where they defeated Portage Park of Chicago 8-1 on Monday.

In Pool B, the Triplets lost to Carlyle 13-4, even though they were in that game most of the way.

"We played Quincy very tough," said Tri-City manager Doug Winfield. "It was just a 4-3 game, and that's against the team that played Alton in the finals. And if we would have played better defensively, we could have beaten Carlyle."

The Triplets lost to Cahokia 14-3 later Saturday, then came back Sunday to defeat Ogelsby 6-0. On Sunday evening, Tri-City lost to Quincy.

"We're hitting the ball much better," Winfield said. "And we pitched the ball pretty well, too, although some of the scores from the tournament might not make it look that way."

"Our main problem there was playing defense. When we play good defense, we're in."

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Southern Region kickers dominate women's field

Open squad shuts out foes again

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Picking a most valuable player for the Southern Region open women's soccer team would be tough.

When a team outscorers its four opponents by a combined 34-0, it makes it kind of difficult. Everybody on the team is extremely talented.

Through it all, however, Caryn Chasteen of Collinsville and Stephanie Kull of Granite City could share the honor.

Chasteen led all Southern players with nine goals, including two in the championship game against Blue-Gray. Southern won the gold medal game 5-0.

Kull, a goalkeeper from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, has not been scored upon in two consecutive years in the Prairie State Games.

Chasteen likes the Southern Region's dominance the last two seasons in the games, but said if the competition doesn't get stronger next season a few of the players might not return.

"It is unfortunate that there is such a lack of competition, but I think with all of us being together and having played before kind of makes up for it," Chasteen said. "We all have a really good time out there. It does get frustrating. After maybe next year, some of us may not be

coming out again because of lack of competition."

Chasteen said in Southern's first two games, where the team scored a combined 20 goals, the players were actually pointing out teammates who should score next.

"We do kind of joke about that on the field," Chasteen said. "We do talk about it. I think everyone has an opportunity."

"It's nice for players that don't normally get a chance to score goals and then in this type of competition they do. I think it is good for them to get that feeling."

Despite the easy manner in which the team hammered its three opponents, Chasteen said the gold medal still means a great deal.

"I don't think we do deserve it because we do put a lot of time and effort into it, more so than some of the other (women's) teams obviously," she said. "I don't think it is embarrassing for us. I think it is embarrassing for them and somewhat embarrassing for the Prairie State Games in the open women's program because it is so non-competitive."

Chasteen's competitive soccer days are just about over. Chasteen graduated in May with bachelor's degree in political science from Lindenwood College. She is

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Connie Meyers clears the ball in front of the net as goalkeeper Shannon Roth looks on during play with the Southern Region women's scholastic team last weekend in the Prairie State Games.

MVP Wahlig paces Buds to Prairie State crown

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

For the second straight year, a team from the Mon-Clair men's baseball league took home the gold medal at the Prairie State Games.

Waterloo, which lost to Granite City in last year's finale, defeated powerful Prairie Gravel 9-6 at Longacre Park on Sunday and walked away with the gold.

"I think this proved a little bit what we do in this league down in Southern Illinois," Waterloo manager Vern Moehrs said.

Heading into the championship game, a betting person probably would have laid mon-

ey down on Prairie Gravel, which had outscored its previous three opponents 41-10. Included in that stretch was a 15-5 pounding of Granite City.

Prairie Gravel also had John Sorce — a former University of Miami starter who beat then-University of Texas right-hander Roger Clemens 2-1 in the 1982 College World Series — on the hill against the Buds.

"We knew they were an impressive ballclub," Waterloo right fielder and Prairie State MVP John Wahlig said. "This feels good. We came up a little short in last year's championship, and we would have liked to play Granite City."

While it was Prairie Gravel's (See BUDS, Page 3B)

Wilco spikers edge Southern in finals

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Bob Vollmer found himself in a familiar position Sunday afternoon.

Vollmer, from Okawville, was the player-coach of the Southern Region I open men's volleyball team, which earned a third consecutive silver medal at the Prairie State Games.

The local squad lost 10-15, 15-4, 15-11 to Wilco at SIUE-Edwardsville's Student Fitness Center.

"This is the second year in a row we've lost to them," Vollmer said. "Jeff Barnett (Collinsville) carried the team. He kept us all in the game when

our heads were getting hot. Darren Stine (Okawville) really came alive. Kerry Sheehan (O'Fallon) played great on defense."

"We were missing a couple big guys, but hopefully next year we'll be back."

The Southern I roster was comprised of members of the Sam Hill club team, based out of Scott Air Force Base.

"It's basically the same team as last year," Vollmer said. "We play a lot of sand volleyball and indoor club volleyball in the winter."

"We're sponsored by Damon's Restaurant and Z Express. Alton is a 2-0 record. (See SPIKERS, Page 3B)

Valmeyer Mid-Summer Classic

Thursday, July 4
Game 1: Granite City vs. Millstadt, 9 a.m.
Game 2: East Alton vs. St. Louis KMOC, 11:30 a.m.
Game 3: O'Fallon vs. St. Louis Pointers, 2 p.m.
Game 4: Fairview Hts. vs. Valmeyer, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 6
Game 5: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 9 a.m.
Game 6: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 11:30 a.m.
Game 7: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 2 p.m.
Game 8: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 7
Third Place Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 9 a.m.
Consolation Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 12:30 p.m.
Championship Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 3:30 p.m.

Clippers looking to get back on track in Valmeyer

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Once again, Waterloo manager Vern Moehrs is taking what the Granite City Clippers say out of context.

Moehrs, who often looks for that extra edge to get his Waterloo Buds rolling, used something Clippers manager Daren DePew said Saturday to help motivate his Mon-Clair Baseball League team Sunday in the Prairie State Games.

After Prairie Gravel put the heat to the Clippers by a 15-3 count on Saturday, DePew said the Chicago-area team was out of our league. We have some good teams in the Mon-Clair League, but not like that. They are a very, very impres-

sive ballclub."

Moehrs then stated on Sunday that DePew's words gave his team the incentive to go hard at Prairie Gravel.

"I thought that gave us some pretty good incentive to come out and show that they were in our league," Moehrs said Sunday.

Whatever the case, the Buds may have worked their way back into the upper echelon of the Mon-Clair League after the Clippers met every conceivable goal last year, one coach said. They have stumbled a bit this season.

So far, two of Granite City's four goals have not been achieved: The Clippers wanted to win all of their league (See CLIPPERS, Page 3B)

Alton tops Quincy for Legion title

By Pat Hutchison
Correspondent

Fourth of July fireworks were said a day or two off, but Alton Post 126 staged an explosion of its own Tuesday in winning the Tournament of Champions.

Alton scored six runs in the second inning in beating Quincy 8-1 in Tuesday night's title game at Gordon Moore Park. The win gave Alton its first ever championship in the tournament, and improved its season record to 25-2. Post 126 went 7-0 in the tournament.

The offensive burst also helped pitchers Matt Smith and Justin Wolfe breathe easier. Smith, who picked up the win, allowed five hits and the one run before giving way to Wolfe in the seventh.

"Our team is hitting the ball up and down the lineup," Smith said.

By the time Quincy got on the mound, Alton had a commanding lead.

"We got some big hits," Alton manager Dave Hopkins said. "Dave Hartmann's bases-clearing double was huge for us."

Alton had two hits in the first inning, but lost both runners on the basepaths, one on a pickoff play and another in a rundown. Alton had no such problem in the second, which began with a single by Brian Lewis. Jeremy Elliott hit the second pitch from Quincy's Kraig Genenbacher over the new scoreboard in right field, giving Alton a 2-0 lead.

Alex Sherlock singled in Miller Miller for Alton's third run. Jeff Kruse and Nathan Watts loaded the bases with two out. Genenbacher, who was called for three balks in the inning, then left the game. Hartmann hit the first pitch from Genenbacher's replacement, Eric Givan, to the fence in left-center for the double, putting Alton ahead 6-0.

Watts doubled in Rory Fox in the fourth and Sherlock drove in Lewis in the fifth for an 8-1 lead. The final run came in the sixth.

(See LEGION, Page 3B)

Stats 'n' stuff



Betty Cunningham (left) and Dr. Alice Purdes teamed up to win the gold medal in the bowling doubles competition this year at the Senior Olympics in St. Louis. The two bowlers are teachers at Venice-Lincoln Technical Center.

Senior Legion

BELLEVILLE POST 58

July	
6 at Bethalto.....	1 p.m.
6 at Wood River.....	4 p.m.
7 O'Fallon.....	8 p.m.
10 at East St. Louis.....	6 p.m.
11 Edwardsville.....	6 p.m.
12 at Nashville.....	7:30 p.m.
13 at Fairview Heights.....	8 p.m.
14 at Cahokia.....	8 p.m.
16 at Waterloo.....	8 p.m.

CAHOKIA POST 784

July	
5 Fairview Heights.....	8 p.m.
6 at Waterloo.....	7:30 p.m.
7 Nashville.....	7:30 p.m.
11 Collinsville.....	7:30 p.m.
12 Marissa.....	7:30 p.m.
13 Highland.....	8 p.m.
14 Belleville.....	8 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE POST 365

July	
5 Trenton.....	7:45 p.m.
6 at Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
8 at Waterloo.....	7:30 p.m.
9 Troy.....	7:45 p.m.
10 at Highland.....	7:30 p.m.
11 at Cahokia.....	7:30 p.m.
12 Fairview Heights.....	7:45 p.m.
13 Tri-City.....	7:45 p.m.
15 New Baden.....	7:45 p.m.
17 at Manchester.....	8:30 p.m.

EAST ST. LOUIS POST 378

July	
8 Wood River.....	6 p.m.
10 Belleville.....	6 p.m.
11 at Fairview Heights (DH).....	3 p.m.
16 at Smithton.....	6 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE POST 199

July	
5 Florissant.....	8 p.m.
7 at Highland.....	2 p.m.
8 at Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
9 O'Fallon.....	8 p.m.
11 Belleville at BAC.....	8 p.m.
12 Wood River.....	8 p.m.
14 at Nashville.....	2 p.m.
16 Fairview Heights.....	8 p.m.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POST 978

July	
5 at Cahokia (DH).....	7:30 p.m.
6 Nashville.....	TBA

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TRI-CITY POST 113

July	
5 at Marissa.....	7:30 p.m.
8 at Fairview Heights.....	7:30 p.m.
9 at Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
10 Troy.....	7:30 p.m.
11 at Highland.....	8 p.m.
12 at O'Fallon.....	8 p.m.
13 at Collinsville.....	7:45 p.m.
14 Smithton.....	7:45 p.m.

O'FALLON POST 137

July	
5 at Nashville.....	7:30 p.m.
7 at Belleville.....	5 p.m.
8 Marissa.....	8 p.m.
9 at Edwardsville.....	8 p.m.
10 Fairview Heights.....	8 p.m.
12 Tri-City.....	8 p.m.
13 at Troy.....	7 p.m.
14 Crestwood.....	7:30 p.m.
15 Waterloo.....	8 p.m.

SMITHTON POST 937

July	
7 Jerseyville (DH).....	2 p.m.
8 at New Baden.....	7:30 p.m.

TRI-CITY POST 113

July	
5 at Marissa.....	7:30 p.m.
8 at Fairview Heights.....	7:30 p.m.
9 at Alton.....	7:30 p.m.
10 Troy.....	7:30 p.m.
11 at Highland.....	8 p.m.
12 at O'Fallon.....	8 p.m.
13 at Collinsville.....	7:45 p.m.
14 Smithton.....	7:45 p.m.

TROY POST 708

July	
4-7 Ballwin Tourney.....	TBA
7 at Wood River.....	6 p.m.
9 at Collinsville.....	7:45 p.m.
10 at Tri-City.....	7:30 p.m.
11 New Baden.....	8:30 p.m.
13 O'Fallon.....	7:30 p.m.
14 at Marissa.....	1:30 p.m.
15 Highland.....	8:30 p.m.

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Track

Collinsville Summer Track

Week 2 results

6 and under

100: 1. Kayla Dowell :27.8, 2. Kiley Herndon :53.0, 200: 1. Kayla Dowell :57.1, Softball throw: 1. Kayla Dowell 11-1, 2. Kiley Herndon 7-4.

7-9

100: 1. Ashlyn Joshway :16.4, 2. Theresa Lisch :17.3, 3. Amy Whitworth :18.9, 200: 1. Ashlyn Joshway :36.29, 2. Theresa Lisch :39.98, 3. Amy Whitworth :40.0, Softball throw: 1. Ashlyn Joshway 63-4, 2. Theresa Lisch 45-11, 3. Michelle Peach 42-0.

10-12

100: 1. Stephanie Lisch :13.77, 2. Kim Kravanya :14.99, 3. Tiffany Knight :14.98, 200: 1. Stephanie Lisch :27.79, 2. Kim Kravanya :31.35, 3. Sharda Butler :33.10, Softball throw: 1. Stephanie Lisch 108-6, 2. Tiffany Knight 89-7, 3. Sharda Butler 68-2.

13-16

Long jump: 1. Natasha Larkin 13-7, 2. Amanda Studnicki 4-6, 3. Kelly Zickus 3-10, 100: 1. Natasha Larkin :11.29, 1,500: 1. Katie Lanus 5:57, 2. Ellen Johnston 6:45, 3,000: 1. Katie Lanus 13:57.

High jump: 1 (tie) Kari Bouse and Katy Taake 4-4, 100: 1. Katy Taake 1:39, 400: 1. Katy Taake 1:23, 1,500-meter run: Katy Taake 8:10, 800 relay: Kahok girls 2:07.

400: 1. Jennifer Patterson 1:43, 1,500: 1. Jennifer Patterson 8:26, 3,000: 1. Cynthia Moffitt 14:50.

6 and under

100: 1. Daniel Lisch :18.2, 2. Alex Easton :25.8, 3. Bradley Moffitt :29.3, 200: 1. Daniel Lisch :38.3, 2. Alex Easton :53.3, Softball throw: 1. Daniel Lisch 66-0, 2. Alex Easton 28-9, 3. Bradley Moffitt 20-6.

7-9

100: Ricardo Joshway :16.2, 2. Robert Jackson :18.7, 3. Nathan Underwood :19.4, 200: 1. Ricardo Joshway :39.3, 2. Robert Jackson :42.2, 3. Nathan Underwood :42.6, Softball throw: 1. Ricardo Joshway 85-4, 2. Scott Johnston 68-0, 3. Robert Jackson 55-0.

10-12

100: 1. Tyler Johnson :14.4, 2. Alex Miller :14.9, 3. Mario Knight :15.8, 200: 1 (tie) Tyler Johnson and Ken Jackson :30.8, 2. Mario Knight

:35.0, 3. Gene Schmidt :35.5, Softball throw: 1. Tyler Johnson 131-10, 2. Ken Jackson 130-2, 3. Jeremy Underwood 111-0.

13-16

Long jump: 1. Patrick Hulsey 15-0, 2. Skip Johnston 14-7, 3. Sean Flynn 13-11, High jump: 1. Fred Manning 5-6, 2. Brian Byrd 4-10, 3. Patrick Hulsey 4-6, 100: 1. Fred Manning :12.02, 2. Joe Pashea :12.08, 3. Brian Byrd 12:09, 400: 1. Joe Pashea :58.0, 2. Kerry Studnicki 1:00, 3. Justin Wilson 1:05, 1,000-meter walk: 1. Skip Johnston 6:09, 2. Sean Flynn 6:06, 3. Andy Westcott 6:18, 1,500-meter run: 1. Caleb Grinter 4:35, 2. Justin Wilson 4:45, 3. Kerry Studnicki 4:46, 3,000-meter run: 1. Caleb Grinter 10:29, 2. Justin Wilson 13:11, 3. Skip Johnston 13:14, 800 relay: Damascus Pacers 2:09.

17-19

Long Jump: 1. Dan Reed 13:10, 2. Matt Wagner 10-6, High jump: 1. Travis Carter 6-0, 2. Matt Taylor 5-10, 3. Adam Farag 5-8, 100: 1. Isaac Reid :11.09, 2. Travis Carter :11.3, 3. Adam Farag :11.9, 400: 1. Isaac Reid :57, 2. Tim Zickus 1:02, 3. Jacob Glauber 1:07, 1,000-meter walk: 1. Yi Hyong 5:10, 1,500-meter run: 1. Jacob Glauber 4:41, 2.

20-29

400: 1. Dwayne Scott :52.4, 2. Travis Roundcourt :53.5, 3. Charlie Helton III :56.0, 1,500-meter run: 1. Dwayne Scott 4:25, 2. Rob Handley 4:54, 3,000-meter run: 1. Travis Roundcourt 9:31, 2. Charlie Helton III 12:31, 800 relay: 1. Damascus Relay II 1:46.

30-39

100: 1. John Brady :12.59, 2. Terry Studnicki :13.34, 3. Mark Williams :14.9, 400: 1 (tie) Steve Marfia and Mark Williams 1:08, 3. John Brody 1:25, 1,500-meter run: 1. Steve Marfia 5:28, 3,000-meter run: 1. Steve Marfia 13:08, 2. Mike Moore 13:10.

40-49

100: 1. Bill Jennings :11.47, 2. Keith Eilers :12.09, 400: 1. Bill Jennings :58.9, 2. Keith Eilers 1:00, 2. Tom Netzer 1:01, 1,500-meter run: 1. David Annaert 5:02, 3,000-meter run: 1. Jim Flynn 13:31, 1,600-meter walk: 1. Jim Flynn 6:23, 2. Tom Netzer 6:50, 3. David Annaert 8:07.

50-59

100: 1. Bill Jennings :11.47, 2. Keith Eilers :12.09, 400: 1. Bill Jennings :58.9, 2. Keith Eilers 1:00, 2. Tom Netzer 1:01, 1,500-meter run: 1. David Annaert 5:02, 3,000-meter run: 1. Jim Flynn 13:31, 1,600-meter walk: 1. Jim Flynn 6:23, 2. Tom Netzer 6:50, 3. David Annaert 8:07.

60-69

100: 1. Bill Jennings :11.47, 2. Keith Eilers :12.09, 400: 1. Bill Jennings :58.9, 2. Keith Eilers 1:00, 2. Tom Netzer 1:01, 1,500-meter run: 1. David Annaert 5:02, 3,000-meter run: 1. Jim Flynn 13:31, 1,600-meter walk: 1. Jim Flynn 6:23, 2. Tom Netzer 6:50, 3. David Annaert 8:07.

70-79

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80-89

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90-99

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110+

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130+

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210+

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220+

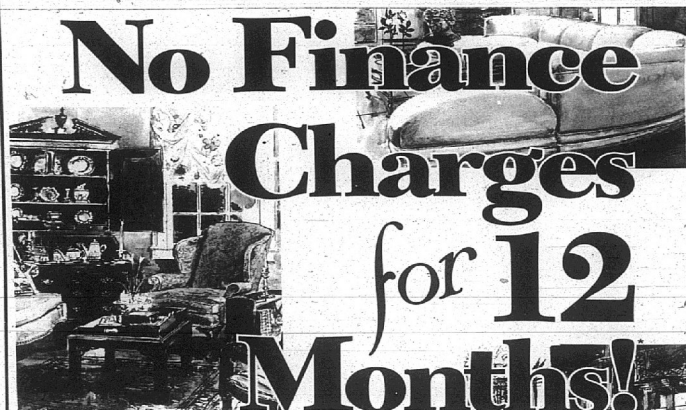
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Births

Gage Sykes
George H. Sykes Jr. and Kathy Sykes of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Gage Harrison Sykes was born at 10:10 a.m. March 24, 1996, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jo Elaine Feigl of Granite City and Franz and Ruth Ann Feigl of Caseyville. Paternal grandparents are George and Carolyn Sykes of Granite City. Gage joins Grant.

Joshua Mucci
Jeffrey P. and Wendy S. (Cook) Mucci of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Joshua Patrick Mucci was born at 10:11 a.m. May 25, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Barbara Fojar of Aurora, Mo., and Judy and Jerry Cook of Mount Vernon, Mo. Paternal grandparents are John and Barbara Hartmann of St. Louis and John and Carol Mucci of Granite City. Joshua joins Madison.



Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Modrusic

**Modrusic-
30 Years**

Frank and Judy Modrusic will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary July 8.

Mr. Modrusic and the former Judy Ostresh were married July 8, 1966, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City by the late Rev. Arvin Twietmeyer.

He has been employed at Granite City Steel for 22 years. She is employed part time at Disco Beauty Supply in Granite City.



Mr. and Mrs.
Hamilos in 1946

**Hamilos-
50 Years**

Bill and Dorothy Hamilos of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 28 with a dinner reception at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville.

Mr. Hamilos and the former Dorothy Marie Gancheff of Madison were married June 29, 1946, at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City by the Rev. Walter Philip Fink. Bill had been discharged Jan. 29 after three years in the infantry during World War II.

He is retired from the Car-



The Hamiloses today

penters' Local 633. She is retired from the Granite City School District 9 Board office. They belong to St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ in Collinsville and are members of the Loyal Order of the Moose 1349 in Wood River and the Alton Eagles Aerie 254.

They are the parents of two children, Gail Mueller of Granite City and Lance Hamilos of San Antonio, Texas. They have two grandchildren.

In uniform

Jeffery Taylor

Army Private Jeffery L. Taylor has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo.

During training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Taylor is the son of Janet S. Taylor of Mitchell.

His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Alan and Pam A. Young, also of Mitchell.

Keith Ragsdale

Keith M. Ragsdale of Granite City has joined the United States Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, infantryman.

Ragsdale will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga., reporting for duty Aug. 21.

He is the son of Kenneth Ragsdale of Granite City.

Norman Hahn

Norman D. Hahn, son of Norman A. Carmon of Madison, has enlisted in the Air Force.

Upon successful completion of the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, Hahn is scheduled to receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

Hahn, a 1996 graduate of Madison High School, will be earning credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

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Pageant news

Dawn Hunt

Dawn Hunt, 19, of Granite City won the title of Illinois State Young American Miss at the pageant held May 17-19. She was also named first in swimsuit and sportswear.

Hunt will go to the national pageant June 22-25 in St. Louis. She is the daughter of Glen and Jackie Hunt of Granite City.

Heather Hays

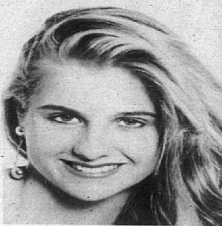
Heather Elaine Hays, 6, recently won the title of Little Miss Illinois at the Young American Miss State Pageant, held in Peoria May 17-19.

She competed in the age division of 6-7 years for sportswear, swim wear, talent, party dress, interview and spokesmodel. She had the highest scores in all the categories, which won her the divisional supreme title. She also won overall swim wear out of age divisions 0-18 years. This is picked by the contestant's poise, swimsuit, physical fitness and modeling ability.

She was first runner-up in Model of the Year, second runner-up in talent and won the divisional title in swim wear. She received seventh place of 64 entrants in the "cover search contestant" for the Young American Miss book cover.

Hays won a Miss USA-style crown, a Little Miss Illinois banner and a \$500 savings bond. She is official Young American Miss royalty and will travel throughout the year with the pageant performing and attending parades and fund raisers.

She will compete at the national pageant in St. Louis in July representing Illinois.



Dawn Hunt

A student at Holy Family School, Hays is a member of the Glitter Girls Modeling, taught by Rhonda Vest-Nolan. Her singing coach is Judy Barham.

Hays is the daughter of Chris and Krisandra Hays of Granite City and the sister of Ryan Hays. Her grandparents are Fay Hamilton, Cherrie and David Hays and the late Charles Hamilton.

Shannon Stapleton

Shannon Stapleton recently competed in the American Dream Kids State Pageant held April 13 in Palatine, Ill.

The categories included photogenic, most beautiful, best dressed, best model, dress, sportswear, portfolio, swim wear, western wear, outfit with prop and talent.

Stapleton was named best model, portfolio queen, most beautiful, sportswear queen and pro-am queen in her age division. She received the highest honor of the pageant by winning overall grade supreme by accumulating the highest points in all categories.



Heather Hays

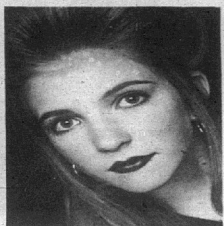
She was also named overall best dressed and overall photogenic. This title will enable Stapleton to represent the state of Illinois at the national pageant to be held Aug. 23-25. Her prizes included trophies, banners, crowns and numerous gifts.

Stapleton's modeling coach is Rhonda Vest-Nolan. She is a seventh-grade student at Griggs Middle School. She is the daughter of Mary and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City and the granddaughter of the Rev. Bob and Peggy Jones of Granite City and George and Helen Stapleton of Marion.

Alexis Nolan

Alexis Nolan, 20 months, has appeared in two magazines and is a model for Talent Plus Modeling Agency.

Nolan just competed in the Midwestern National Glamour Girls Pageant, held May 4 and 5 in Mount Vernon. She competed in the 12-23-month age group. She won the awards of most beautiful, best personality, best model, best fashion,



Shannon Stapleton

best dressed and best portfolio. She then won the 0-4-year-old supreme title, winning \$1,000, a bucket crown, a six-foot trophy, satin banner and many gifts.

While at the pageant, the director had a hula party for the contestants. She won the hula baby contest.

Alexis, her mother, Rhonda Vest-Nolan, and Lisa and Shannon Stapleton, all of Granite City, competed in the hula



Alexis Nolan

group dance competition, where they won the hula dance contest.

Nolan is the daughter of Benny and Rhonda Nolan of Granite City and the granddaughter of Chester and Reta Vest and Benny and Olivia Nolan, all of Granite City.

She is currently taking tumbling and swimming classes. Her modeling instructor is Rhonda Vest-Nolan.

Butterfly Card Club meets

Accolades were bestowed on two members of the Butterfly Card Club at the June meeting, which was lunch at Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant and an afternoon of playing pinocchio.

Harriet Hoff was honored for her birthday with a gift and the group singing "Happy Birthday." Mary Lou Clausen, who is resettling in Virginia Beach, Va., was presented with a going-away card. Clausen presented each member with a bone china cup and saucer.

Each member was awarded a prize. Special prizes were awarded to Catherine Hommert, Hazel Rollins, Clausen, who also won the honor prize; and Ilene Willis. Nell Talley, Edith Ryan, Juanita Rosenberg and Lorraine McIlvory were also in attendance. The July meeting will be held at the home of Rosenberg.

College news

Northeast Missouri

Sarah C. Mohelle, Sharon K. Kozjak and Staci R. Johnson, all of Granite City, were named to the spring 1996 dean's list at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville.

To be eligible for the dean's list at Northeast, a student must earn at least 12 undergraduate semester hours of credit with a minimum grade point-average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Hannibal-LaGrange

Dale Newberry of Granite City and Eric Milles formerly of Granite City have been named to the dean's academic list at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Mo., for the spring 1996 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, the student must maintain a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.4999 out of a possible 4.0 while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Bradley University

Erin M. Rotter and Timothy N. White, both of Granite City, were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bradley University in Peoria.

To be eligible, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Evansville

Two local students at the University of Evansville have been named to the university's dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the 1995 spring semester.

They include Angela Favier, daughter of Charles and Marian Favier of Granite City, and Beth Rapoff, daughter of Dan Rapoff of Granite City.

To attain the dean's list, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average while carrying 12 or more hours.

Horoscope

Friday, July 5

With the moon in mysterious Pices, problems can be solved through innovations and by trusting intuition — you know without knowing why. Soothing and gentle energy prevails, allowing loved ones to be vulnerable and surrender to care. It is to your advantage to pare things down to bare essentials. This is one way of freeing some of your resources, especially financial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just when the office gets too serious for your light-hearted mood, a client provides humor. Learning about an investment is not only lucrative but enjoyable. If you decide to play the field, don't be too obvious.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Physical activity in the morning makes meetings less stressful. A persistent suitor has many likable characteristics, but you must say yes to experience them. A parent's advice puts a smile on your face. Dine with a Leo or Libra.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An interview tells you as much about yourself as it does the other party. Getting the right combination of relaxation and challenge is made easier when a friend demonstrates what you don't want to end up as.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your brand of humor is understood by a like-minded individual. A boss is appreciative of your finishing touches. An acquaintance delivers a small favor but expects a big one in return. Creative energy has a touch of genius.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Music plays a key role in the most productive part of your



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day. Perspective on a relationship is slightly altered from your vantage point. Stamina blesses you in the evening, enabling you to get through every last one of your plans.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 5). A financial turnaround this year gives you a lift. Benevolent leaders could become romantic potentials this month.

Improved intelligence is your quest in August. Travel overseas is likely. Good deeds are repaid, making September a windfall month. A hobby or sport helps you meet up with fantastic love connections in November. Best signs for love are Libra and Pisces.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Discussion about a living situation changes an arrangement for the better. Honor your partner's requests for more of your attention. Your job is easy because of the research that preceded it. Accept a new invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You melt the heart of a romantic interest when you

state your intentions in forceful, excited tones. Confidence gets you the most comfortable confrontation. A loved one decides to continue education. Keep your word, return calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fancy footwork puts you or a friend into the good graces of a superior. You sense a romancer's motives. Cryptic directions are best followed by keeping the final product in mind. Dial a long-lost friend in the afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's as if new promotional ideas were created with your talent in mind. You recognize that a well-meaning individual is trying to over-sell an item that can't deliver all that is promised. Refrain from jumping to conclusions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a chance to capitalize on a competitor's weakness — decide with your conscience. When you change your schedule around to meet the needs of a friend, the favor won't be forgotten.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Romance is rounded out when you delve into areas other than the ones that directly pertain to your relationship. One who seems to have it all wants you to help fill a void of loneliness. Energy is abundant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What is sometimes considered eccentric behavior will get you noticed in a room filled with competition. Communicate your true aim with a potential employer, even if you think it is not what he or she wants to hear.

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